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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1, 5-8, 12, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Olson (US 7,050,778).

As to claims 1, 7, 8, Olson teaches a method, comprising: filtering a signal with a band-pass filter (see fig. 13, number 1304, col. 10, lines 7-54); measuring image rejection and DC offset of the filtered signal (see fig. 13, number 1316, col. 10, lines 55-67, col. 11, lines 1-16); and adjusting a center frequency of the band-pass filter (see fig. 14, step 1408, col. 10, lines 51-67, col. 11, lines 1-67).

As to claims 5, 6, 12, 13, Olson teaches wherein the filtering, measuring and adjusting is repeated until a compromise between DC offset rejection and image rejection is achieved (see col. 11, lines 16-67) and wherein the compromise is reached when the DC offset rejection is within acceptable tolerances and image rejection meets minimum pre-specified requirements (see col. 11, lines 16-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 2-4, 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olson (US 7,050,778) in view of Vinn et al (US 6,441,682).

As to claims 2-4, 9-11, the combination of Olson and Feng fails to teach wherein the bandpass filter comprises two cross-coupled low pass filters; wherein the cross-coupling includes cross-coupled variable resistors and wherein the adjusting is done by varying the resistance of the cross-coupled variable resistors. Vinn teaches wherein the bandpass filter comprises two cross-coupled filters (see col. 5, lines 55-61); wherein the cross-coupling includes cross-coupled resistor and wherein the adjusting is done by varying the resistance of the cross-coupled resistor (see col. 7, lines 4-21). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Vinn into the system of Olson in order to adjust the center frequency.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 08/09/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As to claims 1, 7, 8, Applicant argues that Olson fails to teach the claim limitation. The examiner disagrees. Olson teaches a method, comprising: filtering a signal with a band-pass filter (see fig. 13, number 1304, col. 10, lines 7-54); measuring image

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rejection and DC offset of the filtered signal (see fig. 13, number 1316, col. 10, lines 55-67, col. 11, lines 1-16); and adjusting a center frequency of the band-pass filter (see fig. 14, step 1408, col. 10, lines 51-67, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Conclusion

4. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhan T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7892. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-05:00 (Mon-Fri).

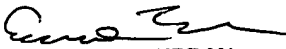
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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